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1. DAVID JORDQN CAME IN TO SEE ME APRIL 16 TO DISCUSS HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. HE WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 19, AND BEGIN CALLS ON APRIL 21. HERMANN, OF UK EMBASSY, IS ARRANGINGSCHEDULE.

2. HE SAID THAT HELYANN HAD REPORTED USG INTERAGENCY POSITION CALLING FOR HK'S SCRAPPING OF ALL COMMON-WEALTH PREFERENCES. HE SAID THAT HKG WAS WILLING TO DO THIS IF IT IS THE PRICE FOR INCLUSION AND IF HK RECEIVES CAST IRON GUARANTY OF INCLUSION. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH SCRAPPING THESE PREFERENCES MIGHT REPRESENT A VINDICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF OPPOSING REVERSE PREFERENCES, IT MIGHT NOT SERVE US COMMERCIAL INTERESTS TO DO SO. IN THE CASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, THE ONLY WINNER WILL BE THE JAPANESE WHO WILL MOVE INTO THIS MARKET. IT WILL NOT CREATE JOBS IN THE US, BUT IT WILL CUT INTO THE SALES

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OF US SUBSIDIARIES IN THE UK AND, HENCE, INTO

CORPORATE PROFITS.

3. WILL APPRECIATE ANYTHING DEPARTMENT CAN DO TO
FACILITATE JORDAN'S VISIT AND ENSURE THAT HE SEES
THE RIGHT OFFICIALS WHILE THERE.
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